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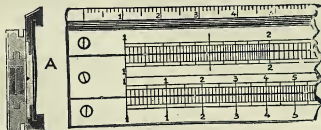
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EDITORIAL.

Pedagogues, advertising agents and editors of College magazines put their trust in the application of the same art: that of constantly repeating an idea, yet finding a new garb for it at each fresh presentation. This diversity of repetition is fully exemplified in text books, posters and editorials; and since it is now our duty to yield

to the inevitable by penning an editorial, we cannot do better than to resort to the aforesaid art, and content ourselves with the reiteration of a few platitudes in the hope that they will be of some use to the few who may read them.

At the present moment the Appeal is the chief matter of interest to all connected with the College. Students often imagine that they can do little to help this movement, and, so long as they live cloistered within academic circles, they are justified up to a point in holding this view: for they have to serve in another way. Many, however, are going down at the close of this term, and thus will have, henceforth, innumerable opportunities of showing their loyalty and of repaying some of the debt they owe. If any fail to see what further services they can render, let them consult the appeal organiser, who is ever ready to make helpful suggestions.

Those returning have an even more important duty to perform. The *esprit de corps* here should be a concern to everyone, since at no time in the previous history of the College has there been a greater need for close co-operation, for a sense of sodality, and a common aim among the Staff and students. If the Appeal is to succeed, then there must be a healthy progress in the College itself; no external assistance can be expected if the inner life is rotten. We

must help ourselves if we would have others help us ; consequently, although no amount of preaching can be of avail in creating a true spirit, it is well for students—the intellectual élite—to remember that there are other things worth while besides personal advancement.

We wish to express our deepest thanks to all who have helped in the production of the magazines this Session. The summer brings in its train the annual examinations, and, as a result, the number of articles submitted this term has not been quite so abundant. We commiserate with all those overworked sufferers who have been unable to send in their contribution as they promised to do. It is a remarkable phenomenon that the enthusiasm for serious study rises in the same ratio as the demand for articles. Indeed, tutors would often be agreeably astonished if they could know the convincing excuses which students put forward when asked to contribute to the magazine.

In conclusion, we extend our best wishes to next Session's Editor and Mag. Committee. It is to be hoped that they will receive that same sympathy and kindly criticism which have helped to make the editing of this organ such a privilege as can be relinquished only with regret.

E. I. B.



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May 28th, 1925.

THE B.A. MEETINGS.

In August Southampton will be the scene of a great invasion: between two and three thousand scientists, including many of the most eminent men in the world of Science, will assemble in this town for the meetings of the British Association. The discussions, which serve as an informal meeting ground for all sorts of Science people, will last for a week, and will be supplemented by numerous visits to places of interest in the district. In 1923—when the B.A. held its last meeting in England—the Universities of Liverpool and Manchester sent nearly four hundred students. It is, therefore, to be hoped that a good number of people from this College will turn up to take advantage of this unique opportunity of effecting personal contact with many of the leading men in the academic world to-day.

To members of the Faculties of Science and Engineering the appeal will be direct. In view of Southampton's growing importance as a world port, it is not surprising to find that the Geography and Economics sections will be holding what promised to be very far-reaching and important discussions. Those aristocrats of the Training Department—the Post-Graduate Diploma students—will, doubtless, wish to attend discussions on the wider aspects of education, under the presidency of the Headmaster of Rugby, while Normals will be pleased to meet men like T. Percy Nunn and Dr. Keatinge in the flesh.

The B.A. makes a special reduction for students in the neighbourhood, and this College ought not to be behind in taking advantage of such an offer. Many members of Staff hold semi-official positions in regard to this year's meetings. Dr. Sherriffs is Local Secretary, and will be very pleased to give any further information about the arrangements already made.

E. J. H.



REPORT OF THE REFECTORY-STOVE COMMITTEE ON

The Training of Teachers for Public Elementary Schools.

The Right Honourable President of the Board of Education.

My Lord,—We beg to present, unasked, our report upon the questions which you recently submitted to the notice of another Committee of limited competency and restricted outlook.

Since our first meeting last October, we have met some umpteen times round this stove, ignoring evidence, and discussing our conclusions, cakes and coffee.

What is the matter with the present state of affairs? Well, speaking candidly, we find a general consensus of opinion that the grant is ridiculously inadequate, having regard to the cost of living in this hut. We object to corn-flour in the ices and the transparency of the coffee. The buns might appeal to those of our colleagues with a taste for geology, but the majority of us feel acutely, and it lies heavily upon our—ah!—consciences that we are not supplied with gizzards.

Much could be done to lighten our time-tables as well as our lunch-tables, and so insure a *men's vacua in corpore vacuo* (and the same remark applies to *women's*). We suggest unanimously the extension of the College course until the age of 40, and the total abolition of school practice and criticism lessons.

School practice, as at present inflicted, is burdensome, unnecessary, dangerous, unhygienic, and ought to be cut. No attempt is made by supervisors to write our notes for us, or to provide elephants, glow-worms, lighthouses, and other illustrations. The Library contains not a single work of reference on class-room repartee, so that we are at the mercy of any observations made by the children concerning our personal habits and appearances. The six weeks spent in the schools could be more profitably employed "listening-in" to really sound teaching broadcasted by Professors Adams, Stephen Leacock, or some of our own Staff who call themselves humorists.

In criticism lessons too much time is wasted in the actual teaching. Supervisors find themselves left with little more than a bare hour to hear themselves talk. We think the criticism might profitably come *before* the lesson.

It would give the young teacher a better grasp of the mistakes which he is expected to make, and, if time pressed, the lesson might be omitted, thus getting over a painful and rather inept preliminary to the real business. We record with approval the growing custom of dispensing with the children in the teaching of these lessons; this is a step in the right direction, and might be followed up by eliminating the critics, thereby affording the individual teacher an opportunity to acquire a full and deep understanding of his art by the practice of silent theoria and omphaloskepsis.

We have been asked if we think that too much time is devoted to lectures on theory. No, on the contrary we think that this feature should be extended, but transferred to the bed-time hour. We feel that any curtailment would lead to increased insomnia and consequent breakdown. It is, however, in our opinion, a mischievous practice to require students to take notes. It provides a temptation to the less-balanced minds to read them afterwards and to try to understand them.

As regards lectures in Psychology, we are agreed that much time might be saved if each student, on entering College, were required to submit to the lecturer a list of the stories which he has already heard.

Evidence convinces us that "the Data" would be much more recepta if it were read backwards and upside-down. The too prevalent custom of beginning this work at chapter one and proceeding consecutively is bewildering to one's horne.

With reference to the Halls of Residence, we think that brown bread and bananas are alliterative and comforting. It is also our opinion that periodic interchanges of wardens would do much good, insuring that freshness of outlook and width of experience which travel alone can give.

The further suggestion of transferring residents on short visits we have considered thoughtfully, but find ourselves obliged to turn it down. The difficulty of providing hairpins and powder-puffs at South Stoneham is thought insurmountable.

The present division of the Session into three terms is a subject which has engaged our earnest attention. We suggest, preferably, six terms of five weeks each, the first week being devoted to settling-down and the last to packing-up. This, with six mid-term weeks of social activities,

11—12.55 a.m.—LECTURES AND STUDY.

"I will swear to study on."

("Love's Labour's Lost," i, 2, 50.)

"I would be glad to receive some instruction."

("Measure for Measure," iv, 2, 19.)

1. 0 p.m.—DINNER.

"As hungry as the sea, and can digest as much."

"... A dish fit for the gods."

("Julius Cæsar," ii, 1, 173.)

1.20—1.55 p.m.—RECREATION.

"Have mind upon your health."

("Julius Cæsar," iv, 3, 35.)

1.55—3.55 p.m.—LECTURES.

"For mine own part, it was Greek to me."

("Julius Cæsar," i, 2, 287.)

4.30 p.m.—TEA.

"Things sweet to taste." ("Richard II," i, 3, 126.)

6. 0—8. 0 p.m.—STUDY.

"Fain would I beguile the tedious day with sleep."

("Hamlet," iii, 2, 220.)

8.15 p.m.—SUPPER.

"... Men sit down to that nourishment which is called supper." ("Love's Labour's Lost," I, i, 239-40.)

"Sup them well and look unto them all."

("Taming of the Shrew," i, 127.)

8.45 p.m.—PRAYERS.

"All saws of books, all forms, all pressure past."

("Hamlet," i, 5, 100.)

10.0 p.m.—"You must retire yourself into some covert."

("Winter's Tale," iv, 8, 632.)

10.30 p.m.—LIGHTS OUT.

"Hung be the heavens with black, yield day to night!"

("Henry VI," I, i, 1.)

"To sleep, perchance to dream."

Ay, there's the rub."

("Hamlet," iii, 1.)

EXTENSIONS.

"'Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished."

("Hamlet," iii, 1.)

FIRE DRILL.

"The midnight bell
 Did with its iron tongue and brazen mouth
 Sound on into the drowsy race of night."
 ("King John," iii, 4, 144.)
 "Curses not loud but deep." ("Macbeth," v, iii, 27.)

AFTER-EFFECTS OF FIRE DRILL.

"I have not slept one wink."
 ("Cymbeline," iii, 4, 103.)

FIRE DRILL, March, 1925 (for Juniors only).

"How green you are and fresh in this old world."
 ("King John," iii, 4, 144.)

OVERHEARD AFTER 10.35 P.M.

"You must come in earlier a-nights."
 ("Twelfth Night," i, 3, 4.)
 B. R.
 G. B.



TURQUOISE TEARS.

I.

Lost light of the rainbow of heaven,
 Lost hope of a world forlorn,
 Lo, in the darkness I clasp thee
 Hung on the hem of the morn,
 Lit to my death by the pallor that drips from the lips
 of the moon's faint horn.

White arms that once might have held me,
 Dear dreams that are dulled in the tomb,
 I bid a farewell from the sunset of hell,
 The archway of infinite gloom,
 To blisses and kisses and misses from hollow abysses
 of doom.

II.

Dear heart, bright eyes, O pallid brow,
 O cataract of hair,
 I clasp thy lucent beauty now,
 In night's lone lair.

O arms that wind me in and in!
 O lips that grow to mine
 O golden-barley from the bin
 Of love divine.

In those large eyes a sorrow dwells,
 And weeps ancestral fears.
 They are the deep, authentic wells
 Of earth's old tears.

Dear heart, bright eyes, when we must part ;
 O cataract of hair
 Send thy pale angel to my heart,
 My sorrow share.

SOBBING TURTLE.

[A good example of the latent poetic talent that is to be found in this College—ED.]



ON WALKING.

Personality is fashioned by a multitude of forces, some patent, others more subtle in the influence they exercise. It is manifest in the most trivial actions of daily life, revealing itself in the turn of a phrase, the flourish of a pen, a gesture or the manner of walking. By no means to be numbered among the least potent of character-forming forces is the type of literature which supplies the mental pabulum, the daily fare, of most of us. Thus it will be seen that there is a very real connection between the course of study pursued, and the style in which the aspiring seeker after academical honours trips along for his matutinal bun. A few examples may, perhaps, make the connection more apparent.

Your student of commerce juggles with figures and facts. He revels in banking returns and rates of exchange. Even in the night watches his spirit rises to wrestle with corners in wheat and grapple with oil and rubber shares. The constant struggle with things makes his intellect restless, keen and sharp, ever watchful lest some unexpected turn of affairs should upset all his elaborate calculations. His walk is correspondingly neat, sharp, energetic, almost military in its love of precision and emphasis. You can hear the clink of money in the metallic ring of his heels. Conscious of his influence and power, he walks with his head carried high, his chest proudly thrust forward, and his arms swinging briskly by his sides. Should he enter a room he grasps the door-handle firmly, raps imperiously

once, then, with an inclination of his head from its usual majestic poise, bursts down the door and confronts the cowering occupants of the room.

In direct contrast to the materialistic vivacity of the student of Commerce is the humble votary of the Classics. Through long intimacy with the literature of a bygone age, he has almost recaptured the spirit that once animated the pages of Plato and Cicero. He has become a shade inhabiting a realm apart from the modern world, the bustle and worry of which serves only to ruffle the even flow of his gentle existence. "His joints have turned to water," and his walk, at one time, no doubt, instinct with life, has degenerated into a comfortable amble. As he passes he sways slightly from side to side, while now and again a convulsive tremor in his trouser leg suggests that at length the inevitable has happened, and his knees have become unhinged. His hands are plunged deeply into his pockets to lend support to his tottering frame, his eyes are down-cast, a gracious smile wreathes his lips, but it is not for us. He is communing with the gods on High Olympus.

One class of students you will never find with their hands in their pockets. These latter usually bulge with piles of untidy, illegible notes. Upon their massive brows sit the crimes of all the ages, before their eyes unfolds the meaningless pageant of history—orators vainly gesticulating, soldiers vainly dying, humanity vainly beseeching—while in their ears rings the laughter of an impassive Destiny. For them time has become meaningless. Stop one in his ponderous, stately passage, and ask him some trivial question. His answer, should he see you, will be vague and hesitating. You must first re-assure him that it is 10 o'clock on Wednesday, in the year of Grace, 1925, and that, though his watch stopped at 11.20 last night, most of the rest of the world remembered to wind up theirs. Then he may return an answer to a question which someone else asked him. The wisest course is to step reverently aside, while the unseeing student of countless ages, with bowed head and meditative tread, passes quietly on his way.

And what of the Normals, who are expected to cull the choicest fruits from every branch of the Tree of Knowledge? How do they walk? They don't, my dears, they crawl.

CLIO.

A NEGLECTED ART.

The correspondence corners of daily newspapers provide most depressing reading. Some deplore the passing of archery (which improved the eye sight and finger nails), some the quality of beer (which alone maintained British physique), others lament the decay of caligraphy (which did all these things and many more), but all agree that Britain is fast degenerating. Yet it has been left to the author to discover conclusive proof of the decadence of the present generation.

Admittedly we have progressed. The mass production of squibs, the harnessing of the power of the amoeba, and the fall of the Liberal party, these are certainly steps in the right direction. Thus, Britain's supply of ink is assured; the amoeba, it is estimated, will augment by at least 200 kilowatts per annum our failing power resources; whilst the fall of the Liberal party (who were, of course, the world's greatest consumers of paper) has released an enormous amount of paper for the home market. Yet, despite these economies, which have placed the price of pen, ink and paper within reach of all, we calmly and indifferently contemplate the decline of notice-writing.

Notices are written in such an absurdly simple fashion nowadays. Few appear to realise that attention is essentially *an active intellectual process* [see Wimms, Chapter III]. Notices must, therefore, be deliberately cast in such terms that their meaning is not obvious at first sight. It is necessary to make the wording as abstract as possible, diction should be characterised by the most obscure verbosity, and irrelevant facts may be dragged in on the slightest pretext in order the more fully to stimulate thought and make minute and laboured analysis essential. Finally, the omission of every unimportant word (as in an Aberdonian telegram) gives a refreshing and businesslike air, viz.:—"Cricket, swimming qualifications. Discipline essential. Must be Church."

It is strange how the best psychologists exhibit wretched notice-boards. So often do we see: "All students *must* attend promptly." Why, nothing is more calculated to arouse one's pugnacity, and any lecture so advertised should be cut on principle, if not for convenience.

Appeals to the primary instincts, however, are not lacking. Thus—"unless a satisfactory explanation is forth-

coming, the Board will proceed to take further steps." There is about this last phrase a suggestion of sudden death that penetrates the brightest jumper, male or female. Such grosser aids to attention are, however, to be deprecated, though in use by the best authorities.

Incidentally, this last example gives evidence of what magnificent heights can be reached. To attain these highest flights of style, on no account use the first, second or third person. Instead, the fourth Varsity dimension should be used, in the shape of a Board. *If you haven't a Board, invent one.* Soccer notices written in this light would have a new attraction.

"To infer from evidence (which, not without exception, is contradictory) that the Board do not regard three pairs of shin pads as excessive is inexcusable, as the Board have never countenanced strong language, and, indeed, have steadfastly refused to commit themselves on this matter at all."

Even at present Coll. notices, whilst crude and inartistic, provide one with material for speculation. Some professors have such academic handwriting that it is difficult to distinguish it from the Greek.*

This is to be encouraged, and the M.C.R. might offer prizes to the Staff for the most illegible notice. A printed copy should accompany each entry, stating clearly the name, age, and address of each competitor, and where he learned to write. Here, again, is evidence of retrogression, for written notices are becoming fewer and fewer.

The present writer has watched with considerable disturbance the introduction of typewriters into Coll., and this practice should be stopped forthwith. Would the authorities deprive us of our sole remaining excitement? We trust not, for the Board take a very serious view of this case indeed.

T. IMBER.

[* But there *are* people who can read Greek.—ED.]

THE RAJAH'S RUBY.

"Yes, Watson! Come in, but hold your nose."

"Holmes," I cried. "How did you know it was I who knocked?"

"I saw you."

"But the door was closed, and the stairs are carpeted. You couldn't have heard my tread. Holmes! You're psychic. You must be, else how could you recognise me through that door?"

Holmes was bending over some foul re-action in a flask, which belched an oily stench across the room.

I held my nose.

"Watty, old Pal, you complicate. Simplify your thought and clear your mind. You are submerged in a maze of doubt."

"What's this gibberish about being psychic?"

"Well, how do you see people through doors?"

Holmes laughed.

"You assume too much. Why make this assumption about seeing through doors?"

"Then how in the world..."

"I saw you from the top of the stairs as I opened the landing window to relieve Mrs. Russ of some of this vapour. It's clearing off now, but it was pretty thick—got through the keyhole, you know. Not surprising that vapour goes in keyholes since even keys will. Dare say you've noticed that much. Funny things, keyholes. Made a study of keyholes, and have even contributed to the literature of the subject."

Holmes wandered on. I felt foolish.

"Well, anyway," I observed, "you might have said at once you saw me from the landing. Nothing in it after all."

"Eh? That you Watson? Ah, yes. I forgot you came in. Use the sofa."

He dropped the Army Clubs in my lap and lit his Peterson. The nicotine crooned in the joint. Dear old Holmes! Not changed in the least! But he no longer stuck his letters to the mantelpiece with a jack knife; instead, he used his old pair of boots as paperweights.

"But you were saying, why didn't I tell you straight away? Well, you interrupted."

"But tell me, Holmes, have you solved it?"

"Yes. It was the benzoyl derivative."

"No, no. I mean the disappearance of the Black Note Book."

"Oh, that! I thought you meant my synthesis on the table there. I used the hydrochloride of aminoazobenzene."

"That so?"

We heard Mrs. Russ's soft voice from below:

"No, sir. I can't let you in between 12.30 and 1.0."

But a lurch at our door admitted a portly old gentleman in evident distress. His nose hung down his face, his eyeballs bulged, and he gasped for breath.

"Mr. Holmes, sir, for God's sake help me! Where is the Rajah's Ruby?"

"I do not know; but pray be seated and calm yourself."

Holmes mixed a gentle whisky and—

"Here, try a spot of this."

Our client sank into a chair.

"Now, Mr. Krantz, kindly state your case. Watson, you may stay."

"Who told you my name, sir?"

"Watson, take the gentleman's hat. He will destroy it."

I germinated the idea.

"I've come straight from my office, Mr. Holmes. I rushed to you in desperation. I am a banker. Am I plain?"

"Extremely. Pray proceed."

"Some time ago the great Maharajah of Surinam called upon me in person for the accomplishment of a short loan. The aristocracy of the East—hem—has been a trifle pushed of late."

"£150,000, I believe," murmured Holmes, raising his eye brows.

"There's money in this, Watson!"

I assimilated. The banker continued:

"As basis for the security, he left the famous Rajah's Ruby, said to have been worn by Gautama himself on attaining Nirvana, after having drunk the milk of the fiftieth cow fed in succession. But that's neither here nor there."

"Pray omit no details," said Holmes, tips together.

"Well," continued our client, "having an object of such immense value in my possession, I naturally assured myself of its safety every morning. But, to-day—oh, God, what shall I do? To-day I had just laid the stone on

my desk when my telephone bell rang, and I was engaged in an argument for about twenty minutes. I finally rang off and turned to examine the Ruby. To my horror, it was gone!

"Gone?" ejaculated Holmes.

"Vanished!"

The unfortunate banker sank back in his chair and raised his tumbler.

After a few seconds he said, "Mr. Holmes, I am convinced that that telephone conversation was a hoax to engage my attention whilst the Ruby was removed. How this was done, I can't possibly imagine, for I frantically ransacked the room, but the stone had simply disappeared!"

"There is a reward for its discovery?" queried Holmes.

"Yes, it's in three figures. . . . But you will never find it. It is gone! Disintegrated! You cannot find it! Oh, God! What can I do?"

"Kindly make out the cheque," said Holmes coldly.

We gasped! Was Holmes joking? Oh, the bitter irony of his remark! Yet surely he would not take the matter so lightly!

Holmes repeated his command. "Kindly make out the cheque," he said in the same cold tone.

Krantz staggered to his feet. "Sir!—" he began.

Holmes sprang out of his chair. With one rapid stride he was beside his client, and had grasped his right wrist.

"Enough!" he cried, his dark eyes gleaming.

There was a pause. Holmes riveted our attention.

I was thunderstruck! What was Holmes about to do?

To my nostrils came that foul stench of the benzoyl derivative. I began to wonder. . . .

Holmes broke in upon my thoughts.

"My reputation," he said evenly, "is European. You came for my help, and I am prepared to give it you."

His long, nervous fingers quivered on the banker's sleeve.

"Bear up, my dear sir," he continued, "the stone is still in existence."

He stepped back, loosing his hold from the banker's sleeve.

Krantz mumbled something.

I looked at Holmes. His thin lips were formed into the semblance of a smile.

"My dear Mr. Krantz," he began, "please correct me if I make a mistake. When your telephone bell rang, you

placed the Ruby some nine inches from your elbow. You reached across for your 'phone—an arm's length distant. You were engaged in an argument for twenty minutes. You replaced the 'phone, and—the Ruby had disappeared." Holmes stopped.

"Perfectly correct," conceded Krantz, impatiently.

"But how did you know that my 'phone——"

Holmes silenced him.

"The Ruby had disappeared," he continued.

"But now," and his features lit up, "but now—*Here it is! You brought it here yourself!*"

I gasped! Could I believe my eyes? And yet this was no hallucination. *Verily, Holmes held the missing Ruby in his fingers!*

"Great Heaven!" whispered Krantz.

There was silence in the room. Krantz and I were utterly dumbfounded.

"Kindly make out the cheque," said Holmes, quietly.

Krantz mechanically did so, his eyes asking an explanation. Holmes took the cheque.

"In reaching for your 'phone," he said, "you knocked over a bottle of gum."

Krantz started violently!

"The rest," smiled Holmes, "is obvious. I am deeply indebted to you! Good morning, sir."

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We were alone. Holmes was pocketing the cheque.

"I do feel, Holmes," I remonstrated gently, "I do feel you might have let him down a little more lightly."

Once again his hawk-like features refracted a grin.

"*Aquila non capit muscas,*" he observed.

A.B.





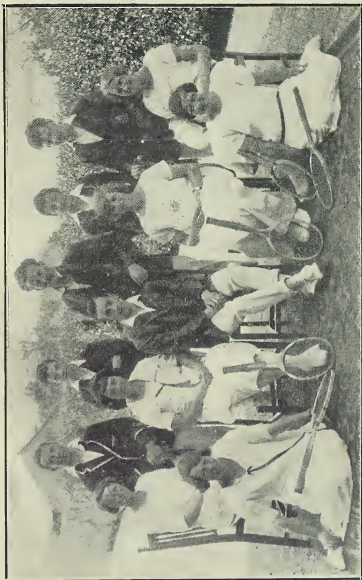
THE NEW HALL.

U.C.S. CRICKET TEAM, 1925.

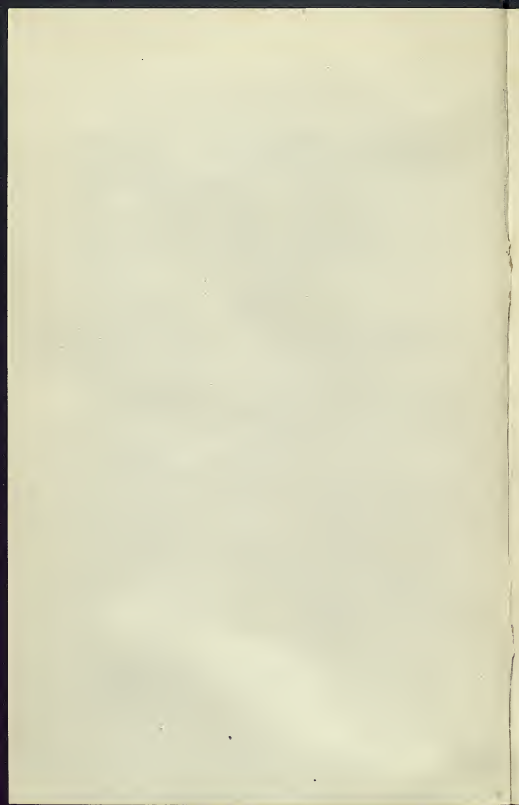


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Second Row : J. L. St. John, L. R. Farrell, L. J. Russell, C. A. Binson, E. J. Wright.
Bottom Row : C. Knott, T. R. Smart.

U.C.S. TENNIS TEAM, 1925.



Top Row: F. M. T. Bunney, W. J. Benton, H. J. Tolley, C. E. Chard, H. J. Collins.
Second Row: H. Manhire, F. D. Tett, A. McKinlay (capt.), L. Monk (vice-capt.), B. J. Harding.
Bottom Row: E. I. Shaw, A. Wilson.



THE LOST CHORD.

Seated one day in the geog. hut,
I was weary and ill at ease,
And my fingers wandered idly
Over my shaky knees.
I knew not what I was doing,
Or what I was thinking then ;
But I heard some chords of music,
Like the sound of a bull in pain.

It flooded the whole of the College,
Like the sounds from a nightmare farm,
And it racked my fevered spirit,
And did me an infinite harm.
It filled me with pain and sorrow,
That apotheosis of strife.
It seemed the discordant echo
Of a quarrel 'tween man and wife.

It linked all most modern harmonies
Into one appalling piece,
And shattered all the windows,
I thought it would never cease.
I have sought, but I seek him vainly,
Who perpetrated the crime ;
Who ripped the inside from the trombone
And seriously weakened mine.

It may be that I shall be lucky
And change my hut next term.
It may be the man in question
Will go down with a deadly germ.
It may be that death's dark angel
Will speak in that chord again.
If he does, I shall wish him "Good morning,"
And refer him to whence he came.

CORRESPONDENCE.

19th May, 1925.

Dear Sir,—The following announcement appeared in the "Southampton Times" on Saturday, 16th May:—

" ROWE.—May 14th, at 'Farndon,' Bebington, Cheshire, Harold Simeon Rowe, B.Sc., M.Inst.C.E., aged 40, much loved husband of Nellie Rowe (Ayling).

Friends please accept this the only intimation."

Mr. Rowe, a former engineering student of the College, had for several years held the responsible position of Fuel and Heating Engineer at Port Sunlight. He has contributed papers to Engineering Societies, and at an unusually early age was made a full member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, a distinction only given to men in responsible engineering positions.

Yours faithfully,

J. EUSTICE.

3, Endsleigh Street,
London, W.C.1,

5th June, 1925.

Dear Mr. Editor,—May I appeal in your pages to students who will not be going abroad this year, and who would like a foreign student to live with them during the vacation?

The National Union of Students have received a number of applications from French and German students, who desire offers of hospitality in England in return for tuition in their own language. We have, moreover, a number of Austrian students, who desire to effect an exchange with English students. All of these are personally recommended by the student officers in their respective countries; and we would like you to give publicity to this appeal.

The work is not only useful to English students, but is, we believe, part of a larger movement towards the understanding of foreign points of view on the part of English students. We are, as you are aware, one of the constituent organisations of the *Confédération Internationale des Etudiants* which has done so much valuable work in the past.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

E. C. STUDDERT HOLMES,

Secretary,

National Union of Students.



HALL NOTES.

HIGHFIELD HALL.

Few social activities have taken place this term at H.H. The summer term, with its light evenings and the burden of work caused by formidable exams. looming in the near future, does not lend itself to the same kind of social intercourse as that of the other two terms.

The garden party which Dr. Hill gave us one Saturday was, however, a huge success, and we would like to take this opportunity of thanking Dr. Hill very much indeed. Appreciation of the music, of the small sketch "Between the Soup and the Savoury," and, last but not least, of the tea and ices was unbounded. We are again greatly indebted to Dr. Hill for the exceedingly comfortable armchairs and deck chairs that we suddenly found one day in the Winter Gardens. They have been a positive boon and a blessing during the warm weather, when the garden is the only cool place in which to swot—or otherwise.

During Whitsun week-end the old stagers in hostel, and the past students who stayed there, naturally employed most of their available time with gossip about the good old days. It is remarkable how very much distance lends enchantment, and yet there is no time like the present. Well! well! we sigh, in contemplative fashion. To those who are staying up we would say that "*carpe diem*" is an excellent motto, while to those going down we would wish the very best of luck and happiness in this hard, stony world.

G.K.

SOUTH HILL.

Now that the summer term is drawing to a close, we realise that, except for the joys of Whitsun Reunion, very little has occurred to disturb the "even tenor of our way." This fact is, doubtless, due to the recent intense devotion of several of our number to their books, subdued as they are by the dire necessity, as pronounced in official circles, for a twelve-hours' working day. One serious student has even purchased an alarm clock for the express purpose of waking the Hostel at 6 a.m.

Although this programme sounds very formidable, some time has yet been found for recreation. The tennis courts are still well used by enthusiasts tempted by the fine weather, and some jolly picnics have taken place.

At the beginning of the term many people practised for the Sports with much energy, and we were proud that the first Women's Victor Ludorum Cup was won by a competitor from South Hill.

At Whitsun we were very happy to welcome back several former students. May they roll up in increasing numbers in succeeding years!

With much regret we realise that many of our number will soon be "former students": we wish them all the very best of luck, and hope that next year will be as happy as this for those who are staying on. M. Y.

SOUTH STONEHAM HOUSE.

For the last time we attempt to set on record the events of a term which has been so full as almost to defy description.

Early in the term we held a "Men's Night," which was a decided success. Most of the evening was spent in the Common Room, in great contrast to the social held quite recently, when many members of the House discovered a latent appreciation of the beauties of the grounds.

It is to be doubted whether this was entirely due to inanimate nature, or whether the glory of a summer evening can successfully account for the absence of several members of the party during the final performance of the now famous South Stoneham players' rendering of "A Night at an Inn."

Comments were passed by many of our visitors on the brave show made by the flowers in the Rock Garden—a display for which we are indebted to the labours of Professor

Watkin, who also gave a very interesting lecture on the subject earlier in the term. Internally, the House has been improved by the installation of a new boiler. As a result the fungus in the Rock Garden has no rivals on the human features!

One of the clean-shaven members of the household (*Cucullus non fecit monachum*) has recently seriously depleted his income by his rashness on the croquet lawn. We are hoping he will soon take up tennis, as some of us are short of funds. Perhaps Mr. Sutherland—to whom we extend a hearty welcome—will risk "saxpence" occasionally.

To those who are taking public examinations we wish every success; to those who are "going down" we wish "good luck" in their new callings; and to those who are staying we say "Carry on."

H. L. T.



TOWN NOTES.

Who is this and what is here? An afternoon of vigorous furniture removing and decorating has resulted in a Room I very different from that to which one is accustomed. Shaded lights and streamers and an abundance of provender in the adjacent W.C.R., proclaim that some deed of daring is on foot.

Crowds of men and maidens in festive attire gyrate on the newly-polished floor; sounds of revelry, joined with the tuneful (?) notes of Room I piano, fall on the ear.

It is whispered—but can it be true—that it is the Town students who have thus cast care aside, and desecrated the sacred precincts with noise and merriment.

Strange though it may seem, during the last session there have been four of these affairs run by Town students, who (thanks to valiant and indefatigable committees) have overcome every difficulty—even to boiling coffee on a Bunsen in the Chemi., Lab., and washing-up—but let us draw a veil over that part of the operations.

The Town women began the good work by inviting the Stoneham men on December 13th, 1924. Later they entertained the Town men on February 28th. The latter, inspired by the energy of the fair sex, gave a delightful Fancy Dress Dance on March 21st. On the last Friday of the term, March 27th, a "Lightning 6d. Hop" successfully concluded the season.

C. E. S.

PLAY READING CLUB.

Owing to the shortness of the term and pressure of impending examinations, we have only been able to meet twice. On May 12th a short business meeting was followed by a reading of John Galsworthy's comedy, "The Silver Box." We wound up the season in our second meeting on May 26th, when "Twelfth Night" was read in South Stoneham garden (by kind permission of the Warden). We had hoped to read in costume, but the difficulties proved too much for us, so we came down to flannels. Despite the *al fresco* nature of the performance, it was very much enjoyed by some sixty spectators.

At present the Committee are busily engaged in discussing the ways, means and possibilities of producing a play—something really original!—next session.

The Committee for 1925-26 has been elected as follows :
Mrs. Green, Misses Holt and Jackson, Messrs. Harlow,
Knight, Sussams, Ward and Hunt. A. M. W.



CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

After one of the most successful terms' work in the history of the Society, which included a most enjoyable concert—judging by the number of congratulations received—the members who were present at a general meeting voted solidly for the continuation of activities this term in preparation for next session.

Fired with zeal, after having really accomplished something, the Society are extending their activities from choral and orchestral work to include dramatic work. That is, the Society will endeavour, next session, to produce Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance." The scheme is ambitious, but it should not be too much so for a community such as the U.C.S.

With the additional attraction of a Gilbert and Sullivan opera, we hope to have in our ranks a few more talented ladies and gentlemen, who so modestly withheld themselves this session. To enable the preliminary rehearsals to get well started, and to facilitate the work of next session's Secretary—Mr. H. G. Baker—the Committee would be very glad if any of the aforementioned students, who will be here next year and would like to participate in the opera, would signify their intentions this term, and so ensure the success of the "Pirates" next session.

R. R.

SCI. SOC.

On Thursday, May 14th, a meeting of the Sci. Soc. was held, by kind permission of the Warden, at South Stoneham House. Professor E. L. Watkin spoke to an assembly of about 30 people on the general principles underlying the construction and maintenance of rock gardens, and described the characteristics of Alpine flora. The party then adjourned to the Rock Garden, where the lecturer pointed out the main features of interest.

We regret that there is nothing further to report, but venture to express the hope that, under the Secretaryship of a post-graduate student, the Sci. Soc. may once more blossom forth into its pristine glory.

E. J. H.

**GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.****PROGRESS.**

The keynote of our last report was the optimism which seemed to be justified by the success and hopeful progress of our earlier meetings. The last was perhaps the most active term in the short history of this Society; but it was history in the making.

Membership has increased, and considerable interest in the session's programme has been shown throughout the College. Room 13, regarded (despite its number) as one of the best rooms in the building, is now well equipped for lantern work, and no other society in College can claim more adequate or pleasing accommodation.

MEETINGS.

Mr. Heywood Sumner, F.S.A., the well-known archæologist, visited Southampton on March 9th, and gave us a lecture on "The New Forest—Past and Present," a subject on which Mr. Sumner is the foremost living authority. The audience numbered over 50 people, and the success of this occasion need not be enlarged upon.

Mr. J. Durward, of the Calshot Meteorological Station, gave a talk on "Modern Meteorology" on March 16th. This was well illustrated by lantern slides, those showing remarkable and beautiful cloud-forms being especially appreciated. As a weather expert, Mr. Durward possessed

that sense of humour which often may well prevent his subject from becoming unseasonably monotonous.

On Wednesday, May 20th, by kind consent of Mr. Durward, a party visited the Meteorological Office and Station at Calshot, where the instruments and methods of making weather were explained!

An excursion to Otterbourne, where Mr. Rodda kindly agreed to lead a party over the Waterworks, has been unavoidably postponed. Though not an official meeting of the Society, many of our members were present at, and greatly appreciated, Mr. Turner's talk on "Kenya Colony," given on Tuesday, June 2nd.

INTER-VARSITY CONFERENCE.

The annual Inter-Varsity meeting, attended by delegates from Students' Geog. Societies of the universities, was held at Aberystwith from March 1st to 3rd. Our Society was represented by its Secretary, who has since given his report of the conference.

K. C. B.



ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

Our programme of this year's lectures came to a successful close when Mr. E. E. Mann read his paper, immediately after Easter, on "Wind Pressure on Roofs."

This year the Annual General Meeting was held in the Music Studio on 16th May, and it is pleasing to note that, although many were unable to gain admittance, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves in the main building. Unfortunately, Mr. W. Matthews, Hon. President for the past session was unable to attend, and in his absence our esteemed President, Professor J. Eustice very ably filled his place, and introduced Mr. H. Parsons, the Hon. President for the coming year.

Mr. H. Parsons gave a most interesting and instructive presidential address on "Commercial Aspect of Engineering," which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. We were very pleased to have the Principal with us at this function.

We take this opportunity of thanking the College Orchestra, South Stoneham Choir, Mr. O. E. Weare and Miss E. D. Eustace for their contributions to the musical programme, which was a great success.

This year a commendable innovation was introduced, by having the Engineering Laboratories open before the meeting. The experiments and demonstrations were greatly appreciated by the visitors, and we were pleased of the opportunity to prove that our work is exceedingly interesting and consists of more than the usual beliefs of the uninitiated. We wish to thank all those who gave their services, and so made this part of the proceedings such a success.

We hope to have a few visits during the last weeks of this term.

In conclusion, we desire to thank all those who have given lectures during the session, and also our President for his untiring efforts for the well being of the Society.

A. McK.



N.U.S.

THE OXFORD CONGRESS.

The first General Congress of the National Union of Students was held in Oxford for a week last March.

The unanimous opinion of the six hundred odd students (not all were so, of course) was that the week had been a tremendous success; and many were demands for another Congress at the earliest opportunity. It is probable that it will be made an annual affair, and Cambridge is suggested as the next scene of activities.

U.C.S. students arrived in the "city of dreaming spires" at about half-past five on a Saturday afternoon, and were greeted by waving handkerchiefs from the windows of the Congress offices in the Turl. This arrival was repeated later with a "movie" man twiddling his handle. The occupants of the three U.C.S. vehicles, laden with tennis racquets and hockey sticks, and looking most unconvincingly travel-worn, in their excitement at being filmed:—

- (a) Nearly killed a man.
- (b) Ran into the pavement.
- (c) Held up various angry motorists.

Other portions of the Congress were also filmed.

The two events which attracted most attention in the London Press were the Universities Parliament, and Sir Michael Sadler's speech, "Do We Study Education

Enough?" The opinion of U.C.S. students on the latter subject is doubtless known; however, Sir Michael gave his opinion that in the Universities of England, and at Oxford, in particular, enough attention was not given to this vitally important subject. After this lecture, as for all, opportunity was given for those who wished to ask questions or bring forward points, and in this instance a very interesting discussion followed. The Parliament was both successful and popular; at times it was most amusing, at times almost riotous. The main struggle centred round the attempts of the Conservative Prime Minister to keep the two opposition parties divided and so maintain a Conservative majority. Following the precedents set by the Labour Government, the Conservative Premier refused to resign when defeated, and even challenged the validity of the division on the grounds that the Speaker had left the chair while the vote was being taken. The Speaker, who had been to see that members of the gallery were voting properly, replied that he had been spiritually seated all the time, and thus overruled the objection. Miss Cortauld, the Minister of Education, made a very successful speech.

Among distinguished visitors were Mr. Pringle and Dr. Guedalla, who introduced the Oxford style of oratory to many who knew it only by repute.

From the point of view of the N.U.S. the meetings at which discussions were held on its national and international policy were most important. Those at which Mr. Macadam, the founder and Honorary Organising Secretary of the N.U.S., discussed international organisation with M. Jean Balinski-Jundzill, President of the C.I.E., in the chair, were most interesting. German, Swiss, French and Czecho-Slovakian students gave their national points of view afterwards.

Their speeches, at any rate, showed the general goodwill which existed among students of various European states.

Amongst other meetings of the Congress mention must be made of the International Assembly, organised by the International Universities League of Nations Federation, where such high authorities as Lord Parmoor, M. Louis Aubert, Sir Edward Griggs and Sir Arthur Salter were heard. Other societies co-operating were the S.C.M., the Inter-Varsity Athletic Board, the University Jewish Association and the University Catholic Association.

Yet it must not be thought (nor probably will it be) that U.C.S. students dashed madly (thus were Congress people known—they always ran!) from lecture to lecture all day, armed with note book and pencil. Their activities during the week included tennis, hockey, two joyous excursions on the river, dancing, a dramatic performance and visits to Colleges, among which not the least amusing and instructive was the *At Home*, held by the Men Students at Balliol for the Women Students from Longwall House.

Those who were not there can have no idea what a gracious hostess Mr. F——l makes!

It would be difficult to spend a more joyous week. Next year, doubtless, many more students will wish to participate in the varied activities which the N.U.S. Congress offers. It was a happy blend of the serious and the cheerful. An undiluted atmosphere of the earnest young student, as of the perpetually hearty fellow, would have proved infinitely depressing. But the dish was nicely mixed by a combination of dances, pleasure jaunts and sight-seeing with the more serious discussions of the various meetings and the mock earnestness and pleasant quips of the Parliament, garnished by a happy fortune with pleasant spring sunshine; and it provided a fare which must have been stimulating to the most jaded palate.



S.C.M.

The summer term, as usual, sees a slackening in our activities. The important event this term was the joint study-school, which was held during the week-end, May 16th-17th. Students from Portsmouth Municipal College joined with us in a series of meetings dealing with study circles. Lectures on Bible and Social Study were given by Hugh Martin and Mr. C. A. Ashby, whilst Alec Gaudin and Miss Harrison also gave addresses.

Swanwick promises to be as successful as ever, if one can judge from the list of speakers. All who go will never regret it.

W. E. C.

L.N.U.**SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE BRANCH.**

Officers for 1925-26 :—President, the Principal ; Chairman, Miss Trout ; Secretary, Miss Charlick ; Treasurer, Mr. Sewry ; Committee—Mr. Grindle, Mr. Bridle, Miss Ramage, Miss Rapley.

The Committee have the power to co-opt a junior member for 1925-26.

On June 5th Miss Milicevic gave a short talk on " Education in Serbia." After describing the early stages of education in her country, and the various difficulties in the form of wars with other nations, the speaker described very clearly the different stages of education, from elementary schools to the universities. After a few remarks by the Chairman, the meeting was thrown open for discussion, and many interesting questions were asked, all of which were ably answered by the speaker. About 35 members were present.

OXFORD CONFERENCE.

This year the Second Annual Conference of the British Group I.U.L.N.F. was held at Oxford, under the presidency of Capper Johnson, of Oxford University. The main business was to report on the L.N.U. work in the various Universities and University Colleges under the British Group, and to discuss the home and foreign policies for the year 1925-26.

Speakers are urgently needed. Students who would be willing to speak at any League of Nations meeting, either at Southampton or at any other branches, should send in their names and their subjects as soon as possible to the Committee.

V. M. CHARLICK.





IMPROVEMENT IN SPORTS DAY, BUT VITALITY STILL LACKING.

The Editor has asked me to say one or two things about this subject. The less said by way of smug self-satisfaction and after dinner praise the better.

Far from being an unqualified success, the Sports were almost a failure, conditioned by circumstances some of which were within the control of the College.

WHAT IS NEEDED FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

These things are clear:—

(1.) That if athletics are to occupy a paramount part in College activities, students who have ability must be prepared to sacrifice more time to them.

(2.) That College athletics should not merely be concerned with one meeting during the year. (This, by the way, was remedied by sending a Relay Team to compete in the County Championship Relay Event on Whit Monday. Our team was last; but that does not matter. We tried our weight against trained men, and we realise we have far to go before pulling our sports above the Secondary School level.) What we want is a year's program of events.

(3.) "Open" events should be included in the program of Sports Day, so that the interests of the public can be obtained.

(4.) To provide the necessary stimulus to create this new and higher standard, a self-conscious club is vital, composed of all interested in athletics, and willing to give their time to its needs.

EVENTS OF NEXT SEASON.

During the autumn a cross-country run will be held, for which it is expected a cup will be given. Further

ahead still, we expect Exeter University College to send about twenty competitors to meet us in a contest over a wider ange of events. The meeting will probably be held about a month after the commencement of the summer term, 1926.



EXETER.

TENNIS.

On May 9th we entertained Exeter, and for once were favoured with fine weather. Exeter sent up a strong team, and won some very good games easily by 24 matches to 12. Several of the Exeter team stayed the second night, thanks to the kindness of the wardens of the various hostels. When tennis was over, we migrated to that very popular health (?) resort room 1, where, by aid of Messrs. Noyce, Smallshaw and Tann, we tripped the light fantastic till 10.30, with an interval to appreciate the work of Miss Giles and Mr. Purvis in the catering line.

Our guests left us on Sunday, and, in order to keep up its reputation of always raining, a terrific storm came down just as they were leaving.

On May 22nd and 23rd the proceedings were reversed. Twelve minutes after the arrival of our train (delayed, it is said, by a request of a certain student who wished to play cards a bit longer) a dance started in our honour. The College blazers were very noticeable, although they contrasted rather severely with the five marmalade pots. The proceedings ended at 11.15 (Soirée Sec. 1925-6 please note) with an exchange of "war" cries, and cheers, etc!

Saturday brought us some of Exeter's best rain, but we did not worry. The respective secretaries are said to have arranged to decide the tennis match by playing billiards for an hour, but the result of this was kept dark.

However, after the others had done good business in the way of breakfasts in the Waverley and coffees in the Refec, the sun peeped out, and we started to play, as the new courts drained perfectly. The tennis was very good, and the College did slightly better by winning 14 out of a possible 36 matches (chiefly due to the certain card-sharper aforesaid). The proceedings at Exeter terminated at 7.45, but as the train stopped at every station to Salisbury there was more fun in store, and the end of a very pleasant two days was a charabanc tour from Eastleigh to the various Halls.

CRICKET.

As the tennis correspondent has dealt with the weather and such incidentals, I'll just get down to facts. We started our game more or less punctually and at lunch were in a tolerably good position. After we had lunched at the Refec, the peculiarities of the wicket were making themselves known, three out of the five remaining wickets being taken by leg-breaks. Anyhow, Exeter were all out for 51, and we tried to do better. We started badly, and continued badly, but two stands for the fifth and sixth wickets improved matters, and with three wickets to go we were within five runs of victory. When the last man appeared we wanted two to win, and by sheer good luck he survived the remainder of the over. The excitement was intense, and when the winning hit, a cut for two, was made the spectators let themselves go: so did the batsmen, and the result was that we scraped home by 56-51.

At Exeter again we had cause to talk about the vagaries of the wicket. Having won the toss, we did not know what to do, and so we had a "Council of War," the result of which was to send Exeter in to bat. A sixth wicket stand of 20 before lunch raised their fallen hopes, and the whole side was soon out after lunch for 57. (If a no-ball hit for one run counts as two, then they made 58! So far we have heard no information on the matter!)

Our start was atrocious, as, with seven wickets down we totalled 14! But, thanks to Smart and Gwenlan, who, in spite of great pain, batted stolidly for the major part of an hour, we (!) managed to get to 57, and unfortunately could not get the extra one. However, we were quite thankful to evade defeat, and now the only regret is that we played on after tea!

Anyhow, $1\frac{1}{2}$ points out of two is better than last year, or the year before, so we have quite good reason to crow, *n'est ce pas!*



CRICKET.

At the time of writing the weather suggests that at last it cannot seem out of place to talk of our peculiarly national summer game. ("Not too much introduction," says the Editor).

We made an excellent start against a weak Cunard XI, winning easily by about 100 runs.

Our next match, against Exeter, produced intense excitement (see under "Exeter!").

Our third, against Winchester Training College, was won on the stroke of time by four runs.

On May 16th we lost our first match, against the Post Office, when a smart bit of run-getting alone saved us from ignominy.

The match against Portsmouth Municipal College shewed up our bowling to advantage, as, on a "plumb" wicket, we dismissed our opponents for 28 runs, in an hour, having compiled 78 for 8.

Our only match on the County Ground—v. Constitutional Club—had to be scratched on account of rain, much to our dismay.

The Old Students gave us a good game, but their lack of practice just turned the scale in our favour. (By the way, did we win, or shall we *say* we did?)

For several reasons it was impossible to get together a team to play Andover, so we had to scratch the fixture.

Against the Post Office we lost, as before, but not badly: it is safe to say that if the luck had been reversed, we should have won by a very comfortable margin. However, it was a good game, in ideal weather.

The second string has not done too well up to date—but was given unrequested prominence in "The Echo" on Thursday last. However, we hope for better things from both XI's in the future. Just wait till exams. are over and we shall be at the County Ground for practice on every fine day.

"It'll start raining again as soon as we come out of the exam. room." We shall see!

L. J. R.

TENNIS.

The prospects for this year were very promising, but, although we have three times as many players as last year, and five of last year's colours, we have not had the successes which were anticipated.

The Juniors won the Seniors v. Juniors match for the first time on record, by eight matches to four, after some very good matches. The Staff and Toc H were both suffering from lack of practice, as their grass courts had not recovered from the Southampton weather of the first week of two of term.

Rain has prevented three matches, and a gale rather spoiled the match v. the Old Hartleyans. A new idea was an inter-faculty tournament, held on June 3rd, which resulted in a win for the Science (men) and Arts (women).

On June 6th we hope to play three different teams, and on June 13th two full teams of twelve v. Eastleigh.

This year a tournament is being run through the term, both Men's and Ladies' Singles Handicaps. The finals will be played off on June 20th.

The following are the results to date :—

May	2.—Seniors v. Juniors	won by Juniors	8—4
"	6.—Staff	won	
"	9.—Exeter	lost	12—24
"	13.—Westwood	lost	4—5
"	16.—Toc H.	won	8—1
"	16.—Portsmouth Training College ...	lost	3—6
"	20.—Southampton Ladies	lost	2—7
"	20.—Winchester Training Coll. (scratched, weather)		
"	23.—Exeter	lost	14—22
"	27.—Staff (scratched owing to weather)		
"	27.—Westwood do.		
"	30.—Old Hartleyans	won	11—1

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